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SUBJECT

Sale of fuel at controlled rates and opening licensed fuel depots in Mysore city.

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Sri / Ramakrishnan.

Letter no. M5-57-286/43 dated 6th January 1944 ~~dead~~ from the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore forwarding a copy of resolution with amendment relating to the sale of fuel at Controlled rates and opening licensed fuel depots, stated to have been passed in the General meeting of the Mysore city Municipal Council on 23.12.43.

The President states that unless the Forest Deptt arranges to convey sufficient quantities of fuel to the city the present difficulty to secure fuel at reasonable rates cannot be solved, and that in the alternative the proposals made in the resolution viz:-

1) To control the sale price of fuel in the city
2) To authorise Vendors by licensing them to sell fuel at Controlled rates.

will solve the problem.

For orders. The file may perhaps be sent to the S.S. Branch to look up previous references and the president's letter dt 28.4.

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IAM
D. No 4539/60

The previous papers are not readily traceable & they are being traced. In the mean while a letter since received from the DCH, City Misl, Mysore is put up for being sent to the Govt Civil supplies ~~office~~ Secty.

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No. M5-57-286/43
Encl. one

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MYSORE.

Date 6th January 1944.

From Development Section.

R.Ramachandra Rao Bhombore, Esq., B.A.,
PRESIDENT, CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MYSORE.

SECY. LAW DEPT. SECRETARIAT MYSORE

To C.Narayanaswamy Naidu, Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to Government, Law Department,
Bangalore.

8 JAN 1944

Sir,

D. No 45-39/44

Subject:- Sale of Fuel at controlled rates and opening licensed Fuel Depots in Mysore City.

In continuation of this office letter No.M5-46-115/42 dated 28th April, 1943 re. opening more fuel depots in Mysore City, I have the honour to state that the following resolution tabled by Mr.G. Janardan Naidu, Municipal Councillor came up for discussion at the Municipal Council in their meeting held on 23rd December 1943.

"The citizens of Mysore City who are already struggling hard to secure foodstuffs, are in addition put to much trouble to get firewood. Therefore this Council requests Government to introduce rationing of fuel at control rates as has been done in the case of foodstuffs."

Considering the importance of the resolution and in view of the fuel rationing being not liked by many, Mr.P.Sitaramiah proposed an amendment to the second sentence of the resolution thus: "Therefore this Council requests Government to control the sale price of fuel and open Government Depots or Depots through licensed vendors if necessary". The resolution as amended was carried by the Municipal Council.

In this connection, it is to be stated that there has been recently a very acute shortage supply of fuel to the public at the Government Forest Depot. The fuel Dallalis (brokers) are of late combining in increasing the price of fuel from day to day to the extent which makes it impossible for the poor to buy. Unless the Forest Department arranges to convey sufficient quantities of fuel to the city, the present difficulty to secure fuel at reasonable rate cannot be solved. In the alternative, the proposal made in

the above resolution i.e., (1) to control the sale price of fuel in the city, (2) to authorise vendors by licensing them to sell fuel at controlled rates, would seem to solve the problem of fuel difficulty.

I request you therefore to kindly obtain early orders of Government in the matter. A copy of this letter has also been forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

PRESIDENT.

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MYSORE CITY MUNICIPALITY

Proceedings of the Ordinary General Meeting of the Mysore City Municipal Council held in the Municipal Office on Thursday the 23rd December 1943, at 5-30 p.m.

PRESENT

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13. G. R. Rangaswamiah, Esq.
14. E. P. Nanjappa, Esq.
15. G. Janardan Naidu, Esq.
16. Patnam Sreenivasa Setty Esq.,
17. M. R. C. Basappa, Esq.
18. T. Venkataramaniah, Esq.
19. Haji Mir Amiruddin Khuraishi, Esq.,
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ABSENT

21. Mohamed Khalilulla, Esq., M.A., LL.B., *Vice-President*
22. S. Linganna, Esq.
23. Chowdiah, Esq.
24. M. K. Linganna, Esq.
25. N. Rajagopala Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.
26. Dr. A. J. Ram, L.M. & S.
27. T. S. Alikhan, Esq.
28. Dr. (Miss) A. Grace Gillespie, M.B., Ch B.
29. B. L. Maridandiah, Esq.
30. *Vacant.*
31. *Vacant.*

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394: Resolution tabled by Mr.G.Janardan Naidu, Municipal Councillor:

"The citizens of Mysore city who are already struggling hard to secure foodstuffs, are in addition put to much trouble to get firewood. Therefore this Council requests Government to introduce Rationing of fuel at control rates as has been done in the case of foodstuffs.

Moved by Mr.G.Janardan Naidu and seconded by Mr.A.N.Suryanarayana Rao. Mr.P.Sitharamiah proposed the following amendment.

After the words "Government to" delete the existing words and add "Control the sale price of fuel and open Government depots or depots through licensed vendors if necessary". This was seconded by Mr.T.Mariappa and carried.

Sd.R.Ramachandra Rao Bhombore,
President.

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PRESIDENT.

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MYSORE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

No. 35-478/42
Encl. nil

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 31st January 1944

FROM

C. ABDUL JABBAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore
Law Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

RE:- Sale of fuel in Mysore City.

With reference to letter No.M.5.57-286/43 dated the 6th instant addressed to you by the President, City Municipal Council Mysore, regarding the above, I have the honour to invite kind reference to my letter No.S.28-786/42 dated the 1st ultimo addressed to the Development Secretary to Government(copy of which is enclosed herewith for ready reference) wherein, I have submitted specific proposals for improving supply of fuel at Bangalore and to state that so far as supplies at Mysore are concerned, it would be enough if selling rates are controlled and dealers in firewood and charcoal, licensed. The retail rates may be fixed on the basis of Rs.16/- per ton of unsplit fuel.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Enclosure referred to above.

With reference to your letter No.CD 3336 dated 22.11.43 I have the honour to forward herewith for information and needful further action a copy of my letter addressed to the Director of Civil Supplies, explaining the measures which in my opinion, are necessary for improving the fuel situation in Bangalore City.

Enclosure referred to above.-

With reference to your letter No.SD/Accounts-398 dated 26th October 1943 and D.O. letter No.SD.P.9900-2 dated 22nd November 1943 in regard to the arrangements to be made for meeting the demands from civilians for fuel at Bangalore City, I have the honour to state that the present deterioration in the market and the inadequate deliveries by Government suppliers

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MYSORE.

No. M5-57-286/43.
Encl: Three.

Dated 9th February 1944.

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GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT. 5-131 12 FEB. 1944 L. S. G. BRANCH.

From R.Ramachandra Rao Bhombore, Esq., B.A.,
~~R.S.RAGHAVENDRA RAO,EX-MAYOR~~
PRESIDENT, CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MYSORE.

To

C.Narayanaswamy Naidu,Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to Government, Law Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Re:- Sale of fuel at controlled rates in Mysore city.

In continuation of this office letter No.M5-57-286/43 dated 6th January 1944, regarding the above, I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government, a copy of letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, requesting

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M5-57-286/43. 9th Feb.44.

R.Ramachandra Rao Bhombore,Esq.,B.A.,
[redacted]

C.M.H. Ranajodh Singh, Esq.,B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District,
Mysore.

Sir,

Subject:- Sale of fuel at controlled rates in Mysore City.

In forwarding herewith a copy of this office letter No: M5-57-286/43 dated the 6th January 1944, addressed to the Secretary to Government, Law Department, regarding the above, I have the honor to state that on inspection of the several cart-stands and fuel depots in the city, I find that the business of selling fuel coming into the city is being controlled by the several brokers(Dallalis) of fuel) who prevail upon the fuel cartmen to act up to their - instructions in regard to the sales. These Dallalis go beyond the limits of the city very early in the morning to wait upon

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These rates are suggested in consultation with the several vendors in the city, in case the Dallalis become extinct.

4. Posting police to fuel cart stands in the city in the mornings from 5 A.M. to 10 A.M. which are the hours within which the sale of fuel is carried to control the unlawful sale of fuel and to preserve order.

In giving effect to the above suggestions, for the present it may perhaps be necessary to issue temporary orders under the Defence of India Rules for such period till the situation is restored to its normal condition.

I request you to kindly take immediate action in the matter and oblige me with a line in reply as to the action taken.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

sd/- R. Ramachandra Rao Bhombore

PRESIDENT.

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Copy
President.

Office of the Revenue Officer,
City Municipal Council, Mysore,
Dated. 2nd February 1944.

Submitted to the President.

Reference:- Havoc caused to the public at the Orange Cart stand.

The President was pleased to visit the Orange Cart Stand on the morning of 27th January 1944. Heaps of fuel bundles were lying on the ground and they were being sold by persons not authorised to sell the fuel there. On the spot a mahazar was drawn in the presence of the President. All have agreed about the unauthorised sale of fuel heaping on the ground in the cart stand contrary to the sale conditions. The contractor Mohamed Ghouse who had evaded the service of notice appeared at that time and has also attested the mahazar. He too has admitted the offence (Flag C). Some heaps of fuel were seized and were taken possession and were subsequently released after recording the statements of persons from whom they were seized under proper acknowledgments.

From the statements of Venkataramanajettappa, Abdul Rahim and others, it is clear that they were all selling the fuel at the said cart stand and they had no license to do so. They have further stated that they pay a ground rent of one anna per day to the contractor Mohammed Ghouse in addition to the prescribed fee of six pies per every cart that enters the cart stand. They pay the dallalli, according to circumstances, ranging from four annas to one rupee four annas. Further it may be observed that purchasers in the cart stand purchase fuel at the rate of 8 to 10 bundles a rupee and sell at a higher rate of 5 to 6 bundles to the public. The dallalis are paid by these purchasers also at one anna per rupee which is recovered from the public in addition to the exhorbitant value of the fuel.

Thus it is clear that people are put to great hardship in getting the fuel which is one of the essential things for daily use. The contractor is not within his bounds when he takes a ground rent and allows permanent depot on the spot. The vendor extracts money to pay the dallali and the said dallali has no business to do so. What the dallali does is nothing. He will simply be present there and gets his money at the cost of the consumers in these hard days. There are loud complaints from the public and so many people were shedding tears before the President. If the gathering of dallalis is discouraged people can transact their business to suit their own convenience. In order to keep up peace and order, the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, may kindly be addressed in the matter.

Also I submit that since the contractor has violated the terms of the sale conditions, the sale be cancelled, forfeiting his deposit and resale ordered by way of deterant punishment.

The entire file of records are submitted herewith.

Sd. H.C.Jambukesvariah,
Revenue Officer.

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Office of the
Director of Food Supplies
in Mysore, Bangalore.
15th June 1944.

D.F.P.N. 143/43-44 Enc/2 files. (U.O. 181).

Forwarded with compliments to the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore, along with the Un-official File received from the Secretariat.

In addition to the control of movements of fuel in Bangalore Taluk coming to Bangalore, it may be necessary to control these movements in Taluks which supply the fuel. A note put up by my office is enclosed. It is desirable to add this also.

Further, it seems to be necessary to have some control over transport by road also. While there may be no restriction for transport by road within the Taluks for local bona fide consumption, it appears essential to control transport of fuel outside these Taluks. I also feel that it is desirable that the Chief Conservator of Forests should have powers to commandeer all stock coming into Bangalore by road and compel delivery of these at prescribed rates in godowns to be prescribed. I have told the Rationing Officer to discuss these and other allied matters with Mr. Venkata Rao, who is to be placed on special duty for this purpose, and, if the Chief Conservator of Forests feels necessary, Mr. Venkata Rao, the Rationing Officer, the Chief Conservator of Forests and myself may meet very early and settle details and return the file to the Secretariat with an agreed note.

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Director of Food Supplies.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that no movement by rail of firewood and charcoal ~~by rail within the State~~ and intended for supply to the City of Bangalore and the taluks of Bangalore North and South, shall be permitted except under a permit, general or specific, issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests or any Officer authorised by him in this behalf.

If desirable to add the Taluks from which C.C.F. sets his fuel.

By order,

Secretary to Govt.,
Dev. Deptt.(Supplies).

To

The Chief Commercial Manager,
M. & S.M. Railway Co., Ltd.,
Part Town, Madras.

G.M. Mysore State Rly.

Sir,

I am directed to state that supply and distribution of fuel and charcoal in Bangalore City and the Bangalore North and South taluks will be controlled from the 1st of July 1944. Government consider it desirable that arrangements should be made for the prompt and speedy flow of supplies into these areas. I am therefore to request that, in respect of fuel and charcoal intended for the City of Bangalore and taluks of Bangalore North and South, necessary instructions may kindly be issued to your staff to allot necessary wagons for the transportation of firewood and charcoal on stations over the M. S.M. Railway in the Mysore State Railway Mysore State, on priority certificates issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf.

A copy of the notification issued in this behalf is herein enclosed for information.

~~I have, etc.~~
Yours etc.

Secy. to Govt.,
Dev. Departt.(Supplies)

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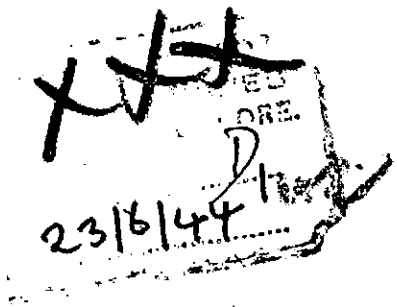

Retransmitted with compliments.

The matters referred to in your note were discussed in the meeting held on the 20th instant and the result of discussions have been incorporated in the Proceedings, a copy of which is enclosed for reference.

Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

The Director of Food Supplies,
Myosre, Bangalore.

Proceedings of the an informal meeting of the following Officers held in the Director's Home Office at 10 A.M. on Tuesday the 20th June 1944, in connection with the fuel problem in Bangalore City.

PRESENT.

Mr. C. Abdul Jabbar, B.A.,
Chief Conservator of Forests-in the Chair.

Mr. B. S. Raghavendra Rao, M.A.(Hons),
Director of Food Supplies in Mysore.

Mr. K. R. Venkata Rao, B.A.,
District Forest Officer.

Mr. C. I. Machiah, B.A.,
Rationing Officer.

The Chief Conservator of Forests said that as things stand at present, it was impossible to consider the introduction of compulsory rationing of fuel in Bangalore City with effect from 1st July, since this requires a vast amount of organisation and looking into details for which we are not yet prepared, that the necessary reserve stock is not available and that a preliminary survey has to be made of fuel resources in the Bangalore District from private lands and arrangement made to secure minimum requirements and build up reserves.

The control of fuel prices proposed may however be introduced from the 1st July and for this purpose the following measures were proposed to be adopted:

1. All fuel dealers and brokers to be licensed, as per Government Order already passed in the matter.

2. The Rationing Officer to call a preliminary meeting of all fuel dealers in the City on the 22nd June when, the provisions of the Government Order may be explained to them and an effort made to enlist their co-operation to the maximum extent in working out the proposals.

The dealers may be given an assurance that their supply sources will not be interefered with, subject however to their intimating the same to the authorities and their

their ~~maintaining~~ maintain necessary stock accounts and also selling the fuel at the controlled rates.

3. A preliminary estimate will also be prepared regarding the extent of business done by each merchant and the extent of stocks Government would have to procure to supplement the same.

4. With regard to road-borne fuel traffic, the Chief Conservator said that he has already got men at 8 posts checking fuel entries into the city and that he will obtain sanction for increasing the number, to maintain the necessary check at the other gates also.

5. It was decided that for the present where fuel carts go to any licensed dealers, a note of the quantity going by road and to whom it is to be ~~consequired~~ consigned will be made by the gate keeper and this will be checked by the staff later with the accounts of the licensed dealer. This flow will not be interfered with.

6. With regard to fuel not going to licensed dealers this will be purchased at the nearest depot at the prescribed prices.

7. Headloads will be exempted so that the livelihood of persons whose main occupation this is may not be taken away. If however these people prefer to sell their headloads they will be purchased at the prescribed rates.

Regarding the estimate of consumption for the city the Rationing Officer said that out of 75,000 families, we may, in taking our fuel requirements, take into account only about 30,000 for the present. Between the licensed dealers and the Government depots, it was felt, that if it would be possible to manage to distribute to about 10,000 tons, it would be enough and on this basis, if the Forest Department could arrange for a supply of 3,000 tons, it was assumed that the balance would be met through the normal sources now coming in which are not proposed to be interfered

interfered with.

One of the main disturbing factors was the large industrial concerns including Government concerns that have made separate contracts for purchases of fuel. For the time being, it was decided that this need not be interfered with and that the Chief Conservator may countersign the existing contracts and the question reconsidered when these contracts expire.

With regard to the C. & M. Station, it was proposed to meet the Collector very early in this matter and see if they cannot be brought into line with the City a few fuel areas being preferably allotted to them so that no supplies need be made from the City stocks.

Regarding the introduction of compulsory rationing, it was felt that before further steps are taken we may make sure how this is working in Madras City. The Chief Conservator suggested that Mr. Venkata Rao may be deputed to Madras for 2 days to secure the required information. The Chief Conservator said he would arrange regarding Mr. Venkata Rao being afforded necessary facilities in this matter.

The Chief Conservator also felt that if Mr. Venkata Rao, District Forest Officer of Bangalore, were divested of the jurisdiction over the district it will not be helpful in the conduct of these operations at all and it was better he were in the district charge also. He said that procurement of fuel requires the assistance and support of all the district staff in Bangalore and it would be better therefore to give Mr. Venkata Rao back the District charge and give him such assistance in the shape of a Gazetted Officer and a couple of Rangers if necessary, for the satisfactory conduct of these operations.

Chief Conservator of Forests.